

**AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
INVERNESS, FLORIDA, CITY HALL, 212 WEST MAIN STREET
January 6, 2015 - 5:30 PM**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the Governing Body with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to provide that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes).

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ENCLOSURES*

- 1) INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**
- 2) PLEASE SILENCE ELECTRONIC DEVICES**
- 3) ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**
- 4) PUBLIC HEARINGS**
- 5) OPEN PUBLIC MEETING**
The public is invited to express opinion on any item for this meeting or pending action at a future meeting of City Council.
- 6) PRE-SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES**
4 - 6 a) Ray Morris, Deco Café Petition*
- 7) MAYOR'S LOCAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

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8) CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

9) CONSENT AGENDA

- 7 - 8 a) Bill Listing *

Recommendation - Approval

- 9 - 17 b) Council Minutes - *

Recommendation - Approval

- 18 - 19 c) Cemetery Lot Repurchase - Lot 291, SW Addition*

10) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT Correspondence/Reports/Recommendations

- 20 - 24 a) Impact Fee Resolution*

- 25 - 26 b) Inverness Big Bass Fishing Tournament - Resolution*

- 27 - 28 c) Legislative Delegation Meeting - Topics of Discussion*

- 29 d) Budget - Trim Compliance Correspondence*

- e) Valerie Theatre Update (verbal)

- f) Other

11) COUNCIL/MAYOR SUBJECTS

12) NON-SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

13) ADJOURNMENT

- a)

DATES TO REMEMBER
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Wednesday, January 7, 2015

- Shell Gas Station @ 4:00pm
704 W. Main Street (Corner of W. Main & Cherry)
- CTA @ 5:00pm
2323 Hwy 44 West (Next to Mid-State Glass)

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

- Graphic Elite @ 12:00 Noon
2020 Hwy 44 West (Relocated to corner of the plaza)
- E Cig Solutions @ 5:30pm
105 W. Dampier Street

Friday Night Thunder

Friday, January 16, 2015 from 5:00pm - 8:00pm
Courthouse Square & Downtown Inverness

Inverness Farmers Market

Saturday, January 17, 2015 from 9:00am - 1:00pm
Inverness Government Center City Square

MLK Jr. Unity Walk

Monday, January 19, 2015 @ 8:30am
CCSO Parking Area and Ceremony following at Liberty Park

Inverness City Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 @ 5:30pm
Inverness Government Center

Agenda Memorandum – *City of Inverness*

DATE: December 31, 2014
ISSUE: Presentation of Petition – Deco Café
FROM: City Manager
CC: Office of City Clerk, Event & Visitors Bureau
ATTACHED: Letter to Mr. Raymond Morris

Reference is made to the attached.

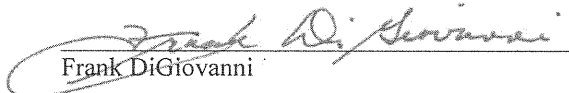
On behalf of the Deco Café, Mr. Raymond Morris will present information and a corresponding petition to City Council that we believe will propose curtailing the event program conducted in downtown.

The City-Wide marketing effort, via events and media, is dynamic and complex. The outcome is structured to benefit the “greater-good” and not tailored for the few or one.

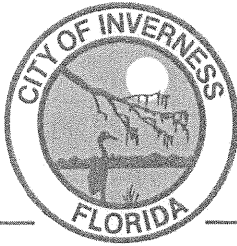
We will be available to participate as necessary.

Recommended Action –

Respectfully listen receive the petition.


Frank DiGiovanni

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December 29, 2014

Mr. Raymond Morris
C/O Deco Café
109 Courthouse Square
Inverness, Florida 34450

Dear Mr. Morris:

On the evening of Friday, December 19, 2014, during a City of Inverness sponsored and promoted Thunder Car Show, Councilman David Ryan and I were greeted in the street by you, whereby you voiced displeasure of the event and a list of opined complaints. The event that particular evening drew the largest display of vehicles to date, and captured a large spectator response. The points of displeasure we heard are listed as best possible. The fact you chose to conduct a sometimes confrontational, sometimes overt, discussion in the street for visitors to observe was disappointing. City events require many hours of work to develop a well-received program to market the entire City as a friendly, attractive, location to visit.

Our outlook is the total City. Improvement projects follow a plan concept that was introduced in 1997-98. Many successes have been achieved and many projects have been brought to materialization. The City enjoys a future town center concept that provides direction for decades to come. Investment has been steady and project competition exceeds comparable locations in Citrus County. The business core represents a mix of retail, government services, medical, food service, waterfront parks, boardwalks, natural settings, the Withlacoochee Bicycle Trail, historic structures, enhanced park properties, landscaping, theme lighting, culture and cleanliness. The City defines coexistence, vehicular mobility; is pedestrian and cycle friendly.

Your complaints, although numerous, have not been broadly experienced by me. For clarity, below is a list of the scope of what you stated. We apologize for anything omitted:

- ✓ You found fault with Friday Car Shows saying they are harmful to your business.
- ✓ You fault street closure on North Apopka Avenue between Courthouse Square and Dampier, because your parking space was not accessible.
- ✓ You fault the City Hall project as "putting one over on the public" and a wasteful expense.
- ✓ You voiced the need for change and accused the City of not having elections for the people to have choice.
- ✓ You mentioned that you may run for elective office. When informed that one must reside in the City to do so, you countered that as a (commercial) property owner you should have the right to run and be elected.
- ✓ You accused me of not listening to the people and only doing what I want in spite of objections.
- ✓ You found it necessary to remind the Councilman and me that (Inverness) is not New York and we (government) can't do what it wants.
- ✓ You stated that events should not close downtown streets, which hurt your business.

- ✓ You opined that your restaurant represents fine dining, which the Car Event crowd won't support.
- ✓ You asserted that I don't listen because I am leaving (the position of City Manager) and don't care.
- ✓ You repeated that people won't walk several blocks to reach your business.
- ✓ You repeated that your customers are eighty-years of age and can't walk to your restaurant for fine dining when streets are closed for events.
- ✓ You pointed to the Valerie Theatre as a waste of money and furthered that the public has not been listened to about the validity of the project.
- ✓ You stated that the Valerie project is ill-conceived, because you said the community has no culture and there is no parking.
- ✓ You rejected any notion that people attending the Valerie Theatre will park in existing spaces vacated when government offices are closed.
- ✓ When asked if you supported removing events from downtown, you said yes.
- ✓ You stated that you will be at the next meeting of City Council, with supporters, to let the City know how wrong the Valerie Theatre project may be, how events in downtown are not wanted by anyone, and how the government doesn't listen.
- ✓ You stated that you will have a petition to present (City Council) with a majority of people from a two or three block location that don't want wasteful events in downtown.
- ✓ You suggested the Friday Nite Car Show be moved to the Inverness Government Center Parking complex so the street would be open.

In addition to the above, we confirmed that you will be placed on the City Council Agenda for January 6, 2015, at 5:30pm, at the Inverness Government Center Chambers. We also agreed to make sure that newspapers are aware of your presence, petition and presentation. If you will not be able to attend, the only action on your part would be to accordingly notify City Clerk Deborah Davis, 352-726-2611 x1004 or ddavis@Inverness-FL.gov.

We look forward to hearing what you have to say and hope you are satisfied with the outcome. If we may be of further assistance, do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,


 Frank DiGiovanni
 City Manager

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 Office of City Clerk

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CITY OF INVERNESS
CASH REQUIREMENTS REPORT



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VENDOR DOCUMENT	INVOICE	VOUCHER	DESCRIPTION	DUE DATE	DUE 12/31/14
			TOTALS FOR ACE HARDWARE CO OF INV INC		41.94
			TOTALS FOR BETH M. CONGLETON TUDOR		130.00
			TOTALS FOR FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY		3,466.13
			TOTALS FOR CLARK SALES DISPLAY		20,849.75
			TOTALS FOR DUKE ENERGY		6,334.65
			TOTALS FOR DUMONT COMPANY INC		54.00
			TOTALS FOR GOLDEN X PLUMBING SUPPLY INC		97.28
			TOTALS FOR GORMAN COMPANY		1,666.49
			TOTALS FOR HANSEN, ERIC R		305.64
			TOTALS FOR MAILFINANCE INC		1,023.42
			TOTALS FOR INTEGRATED SYSTEMS OF FLORIDA INC		653.50
			TOTALS FOR JENNIFER L. STEELFOX		280.00
			TOTALS FOR KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC		1,500.00
			TOTALS FOR LITTLEJOHN ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC		6,608.75
			TOTALS FOR MANN-ICURE LAWN SERVICE AND LANDSCAPING		1,350.00
			TOTALS FOR OFFICE DEPOT INC		158.78
			TOTALS FOR PELTIER, LINDA		25.00
			TOTALS FOR ROBINETT, MARIA LYNN		25.00
			TOTALS FOR SAND/LAND OF FL ENTERPRISE INC		240.00
			TOTALS FOR JOB SITE SERVICES INC		440.00
			TOTALS FOR SUMTER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC		8,433.23
			TOTALS FOR SWARTZ, KATHLEEN		121.60
			TOTALS FOR TOP HAT INC. PEST CONTROL AND LAWN CARE		581.25
			TOTALS FOR UB REFUND		610.68
			TOTALS FOR UNIFIRST CORPORATION		95.94
			TOTALS FOR WASTE ZERO, INC		542.00

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December 16th, 2014

5:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Inverness met on the above date in Regular Session at 212 W. Main Street with the following members present:

President Hinkle
Vice President Hepfer (Not Present)
Councilwoman Bega
Councilman McBride
Councilman Ryan
Mayor Plaisted

Also present were City Manager DiGiovanni, City Attorney Haag, Asst. City Manager Williams, Community Development Director Malm, Finance Director Chiodo, IT Director Johnston, Event Director Skeeel-Hogan, Liz Austin, Betty Pleacher, Ron Hodges, Scott McCulloch, Woodard & Curran Director Regina, and City Clerk Davis.

The Invocation was given by Councilman Ryan and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the City Council.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Council President Hinkle advised that item 10)b) needed to be added to the Agenda with regard to the FDOT Landscape Maintenance Agreement.

Councilman McBride motioned to accept the Agenda with the addition as noted. Seconded by Councilman Ryan. The motioned carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Attorney James Neal spoke to agenda item 10)c) Purchase of 209 Courthouse Square, and was representing Mike Mountjoy, co-owner of the property and the adverse effect the Valerie Theatre construction was having to their law firm. Mr. Neal spoke to the letter he sent to City Council and Administration. In response to the City Manager's last letter, his client would like the City to purchase the property. There is an addendum that clarifies some points that we would ask the Council to consider as well. Improvements by the City's contractor and the addition of the rock have caused some flooding in the building and affected the draining system in the back. It would be beneficial to the City to purchase the property, especially with the plans showing the design of the sidewalk in front of the theater and the opportunity to improve this property as part of the Valerie project. It is asked that the Council approved the purchase of the property for \$300,000 according to the contract and the first addendum.

City Manager DiGiovanni referenced that this will be presented later on the agenda, and asked if City Council wished to address this item now or later.

Council President Hinkle stated his preference to listen to what people have to say and then address when agenda item comes up, which was also council consensus.

SCHEDULED APPEARANCES

6)a) **Waste Management – Check Presentation** – Doug McCoy, District Manager of Waste Management & Larry Dalla Betta presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 for partnership regarding the City's special events, and will request additional funds for the City after the first of the year.

MAYOR'S LOCAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

None

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Due to an ongoing relationship with the law office located at 209 Courthouse Square, City Attorney Haag stated that he must recuse himself as legal counsel on agenda item 10)b), dealing with 209 Courthouse Square.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman McBride motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Seconded by **Councilman Ryan**. The motion carried.

- a) Bill Listing*
 - Recommendation - Approval
- b) Council Minutes – 12/02/14 & 02/04/14PH*
 - Recommendation – Approval

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

10)a) **Bid Award – Landscape Management** was addressed by City Manager DiGiovanni who advised of the significant amount of turf and landscaped locations that are maintained by City Staff, and how certain areas (Oak Ridge Cemetery, Inverness Government Center, Downtown Business District, and Highway 44 medians) have been maintained using Public Private Partnerships. Competitive Proposals were sought and bids were evaluated based on 1) Comprehensiveness of submittal ; 2) Readiness/fitness of firm; 3) Dependability based upon reference; 4) Pricing is correlated to market reasonability. He noted that to achieve economy of scale and secure the best price and performance package, it wouldn't be reasonable to award areas individually, and instead combine locations to achieve the most cost effective price. Mann-icure, demonstrated the desired readiness/fitness to accomplish the best outcome. He noted that Top Hat demonstrated equal readiness/fitness however they didn't submit a bid for all the areas. With respect to price, three of the four firms submitting proposals had submitted a bid for all areas.. In evaluation of the aforementioned criteria, it was concluded that the response from Mann-icure of \$58,900 per year represents an overall ability to offer the desired level of service at an acceptable cost.

Councilman McBride indicated that Manicure was not the lowest price firm. City Manager DiGiovanni explained that we looked at qualifiers and criteria, ie; number of employees, amount of equipment available, ability to provide services if there is

equipment failure, employee availability, etc. The recommended company has the depth of resources and capabilities, and therefore they were looked at as the lowest and best.

Councilman McBride motioned to award the agreement for the City's contract for Landscape management to Mann-icure Lawn Service and Landscaping Company as lowest and best, in the amount of \$58,900 per year, for all four areas indicated in the RFP, commencing January 1, 2015, and authorize the Council President execute the agreement. Seconded by Councilwoman Bega . The motion carried unanimously.

10)b) FDOT Landscape Improvement Grant – Agreement & Resolution was addressed. City Manager DiGiovanni stated that this was a reimbursable program by the Florida Department of Transportation which would pay for maintenance of the landscape areas in the State Hwy system on US 41/Main Street. In agenda packet is resolution dealing with the City internally recognizing these additional funds from FDOT, and appropriate these funds into the expense side of the budget to utilize them for maintenance of these roadside areas. Additionally, FDOT wishes for us to adopt a Resolution demonstrating that City Council is aware of the project and the funds will be dedicated to maintain these areas.

Councilman Ryan motioned to have the Clerk read Resolution 2014-32, recognizing Landscape Reimbursement Agreement by title only. Seconded by Councilman McBride . The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2014-32

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO EXECUTE A HIGHWAY LANDSCAPE REIMBURSEMENT MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CITY'S LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION AT STATE ROAD 45 (US 41/W. MAIN STREET) RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN SOUTH BOUND US 41 AT MAIN STREET, AND NORTH BOUND US 41 AT MAIN STREET IN CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilman Ryan motioned to adopt Resolution 2014-32 by roll call vote. Seconded by Councilman McBride. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Ryan, yes; Councilwoman Bega, yes; Councilman McBride, yes; President Hinkle, yes. The motion carried.

City Manager explained that the following Resolution keeps the City on track accountability and audit wise, with respect to receiving and appropriating the dollars from FDOT.

Councilwoman Bega motion to have the Clerk read Resolution 2014-31 by title only. Seconded by Councilman McBride. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2014-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015, AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilman Ryan motioned to adopt Resolution 2014-31 by roll call vote. Seconded by **Councilwoman Bega**. Roll call vote was as follows: **Councilman Ryan**, yes; **Councilwoman Bega**, yes; **Councilman McBride**, yes; **President Hinkle**, yes. The motion carried

10)c) 209 Courthouse Square - Tentative Purchase Agreement - City Manager DiGiovanni presented the potential purchase and considerations with respect to the 209 Courthouse Square. He referenced an aerial photo showing the buildings and affected areas around the Valerie Theatre, along with an appraisal and detailed survey with respect to all of the properties. He advised that the project has been on track until the beginning of December 2014, when the project was halted due to the adjoining common wall access located at 209 Courthouse Square.

City Manager DiGiovanni provided composition of facts and conditions of the project and the ability to achieve resolution, to include seeking an easement from the property owners for a service door and loading dock on the property of 209 Courthouse Square. The conversation then moved to the owners wanting the City to purchase the building and property, which represented a departure from our original outlook.

He stated that at this moment the City is without legal counsel, as City Attorney Haag had to recuse himself from this topic. He advised Council to look at the large picture, being the Valerie Theatre project, adjoining buildings, obviously common lot lines with zero setbacks. Provided documents include information from the Property Appraiser, an appraisal, and high level photo view of the property. The asking price is \$300,000 net (City paying closing costs). The property was appraised for \$235,000. He stated that our goal has always been to try and make the City the hub of quality whether its culture, events or just beauty.

Councilwoman Bega stated that there is usually more than one solution to the problem and there might be other avenues to explore to overcome what is needed to complete the Valerie.

Councilman Ryan questioned if there has been an analysis of pros and cons on this piece of property and if we are increasing our footprint too much.

Councilman McBride stated that in the letter from Mr. Neal, it seems that Mr. Mountjoy took umbrage to the fact that the City was going to be constructing the Theatre and using his property, and that the construction proceeded without his approval. City Manager DiGiovanni spoke to earlier conversations with the property owners where we were very hopeful to work out an agreement, but due to the grant application the project needed to commence, and we were hopeful to iron things out. It comes down to what public purpose is achieved with the purchase.

Councilman McBride stated if there is not going to be a loading dock then he assumes there is no need to purchase the property in order to finish the construction of the Valerie. He referenced Mr. Mountjoy's position of if there is no purchase of the property, there is an expectation that the city will restore his client's property to its original condition.

City Manager DiGiovanni interpreted the letter was alluding to, by purchasing of the property it would be easier to finish the Valerie and immediately gain access to the walls and access to everything else.

Mr. Neal stated that the property appraiser has a cost estimate for the 209 Courthouse Square property of \$275,000. This property is unique as it sits next to the Valerie Theatre and the completion of the Valerie Theatre could be hindered. He thinks it's a win-win for the City to purchase it for \$300,000.

Council President Hinkle questioned the claim of damage to the roof due to construction. Mr. Neal stating something landed on the roof with a loud thump that created a leak. Wes Bradshaw, Attorney with the law firm stated the construction workers were on top of the 209 Courthouse Square building putting material down for the roof over on the Valerie Theatre.

City Manager DiGiovanni stated this requires more diligence on the city's part to look at whatever the alleged damages are and get an expert opinion. Options might need to be evaluated if the building is damaged. If there is no purchase and it's determined that the project caused damage, repairs will still be made.

The consensus of City Council was to have city staff perform the due diligence, looking at options and get legal representation for the City as there are new issues on the table.

City Manager DiGiovanni stated that a position that City Council members are comfortable with and the owners of the property are comfortable with is the goal.

10)d) Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation, Inc. was addressed by City Manager DiGiovanni who spoke to the recent transition of Citrus Memorial Hospital to an HCA facility, which brings the development of several boards to govern activity and promote public interest. He referenced the articles and bylaws for the Community Charitable Foundation (CCF) which states the foundation will initially be chaired by a member of the Inverness City Council, selected by City Council. It was suggested that City Council review the enclosures and be prepared to select a member for appointment to this Board, at the next meeting of City Council. He noted additional correspondence from Ms. Ressler regarding the first meeting of this board in January.

Council President Hinkle stated this is a plus for the city as the City is now being included regarding the hospital. It is realized for the first two years there will be no funding but after that, there will be over \$400,000 to be used at the discretion of the foundation.

Councilman McBride stated that President Hinkle would do a great job with Councilman Ryan agreeing.

Councilwoman Bega nominated President Ken Hinkle to be appointed to the Community Charitable Foundation. Seconded by Councilman McBride. Motion carried unanimously.

10)e) Budget Schedule for 2015-16 was addressed by City Manager DiGiovanni who explained that the attached schedule was for the 2015-16 City Wide Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Operational Budget appropriation to include General Fund, Enterprise Fund, and special funds. He asked that they closely review the highlighted areas of council participation and if there was a personal conflict, we ask that they advise us so we may modify or leave as is. Once approved, staff generated changes will be noticed to Elected Officials, the public, and media.

Councilwoman Bega motioned to confirm the CIP and Budget Schedule for Fiscal year 2015-16, to establish dates and times for Council Workshops & Public Hearings. Seconded by Councilman McBride. The motion carried unanimously.

10)f) Senator Dean – Delegation Meeting was addressed. City Manager DiGiovanni made reference to the letter by Senator Charles Dean to Mayor Plaisted concerning an appearance before the local delegation. The Local Delegation forum is important and an effective means to let State Representative know our concerns. City Council is encouraged to bring forward items that you wish presented, and the manner you wish information delivered. Consensus was to re-agenda this for the first meeting of the new year.

10)g) State of the City Address for 2014 was presented by City Manager DiGiovanni beginning with issues that were not successful, including the nine-point interagency agreement, Whispering Pines Park, lack of support from the TDC, etc.

City-wide Operations and General Services –

PUBLIC INTERACTION

- City newsletter is produced 3 times annually and delivered to every resident and business.
- 2 websites are managed as well as Facebook pages for Sunny Cooter and Whispering Pines Park Pool and Softball and are continually updated to share information.
- iNews is produced and published daily.
- Tweets are posted, the city reader board managed, interaction with media, and marketing to keep the community engaged.

Programs, Projects, Services

- 19th year as Tree City USA
- FDOT applications for funds supporting road projects at Zephyr Street and Highlands Blvd, as well as landscape enhancements.
- Funds to harvest invasive vegetation in Cooter Pond.
- Florida Cultural Facilities Grant for \$500,000 to help fund the Valerie Theatre Project

Community Business Development Involved:

- The McHugh Law Office
- Completion of out-parcel and build-out for Publix
- Rebranding of Applebee's Restaurant
- Sidewalk Café program implemented
- Purchased blighted property to meet future demands:
 - Godowski Property - North Apopka Avenue
 - Historic Train Depot, House and former Lumber Building
 - Housing Foundation for the Elderly - Dampier Street
 - Former Apartment Complex, House and out parcel
- ICRA Façade Grants issued
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony program for new businesses

- Panera Bread and over 80 other new businesses call Inverness “home”

Operations and Enhancements:

- Re-organization of the City continues
- Continue to blend privatization for the betterment of service delivery and cost
- Finalized the main shared compactor solid waste program in downtown

Parks, Recreation & Activities:

- Streamline permitting process & park event management
- Sheriff's Office station in the Pines admin building
- Expanded partnership with Rotary for landscape, sign and building improvements, including the pool area complex and entrance sign
- Upgraded chemical controllers for junior Olympic and kiddie pool
- Added the Hilltoppers to the City Swim Team
- Participated in 7 USA meets and 5 Kingdom of the Sun competitions
- Retrofitted pool heaters from propane to natural gas
- Held junior lifeguard and lifeguard certification classes
- Taught 420 children and adults swimming lessons
- Hosted 1,799 students to teach personal water safety
- Accommodated United Way Kids Triathlon, Citrus High 5k Run, and the first Ultra 12 hour/run walk
- Hosted lake events to include ROCCS
- 3 Big Belly solar powered trash compactors
- New welcome sign

Generalized Public Works Activity:

- City-wide street sweeping contracted through USA Services
- New roofs on 106 Dampier and Wallace Brooks Park restrooms
- Metal roof on Public Works building
- Completed resurfacing program for Line Ave., Cherry Ave., Talmage Ave., and parking lot at Whispering Pines.
- Installed new backup generator for Public Works facility
- Completed various landscape enhancements
- New IGC tenants – DCF, Jimmie T. Smith State Representative, and formed Event and Visitors Bureau
- Renewed bargaining unit agreement and Woodard and Curran agreement

Utility Operations:

- Commenced fully automated city-wide meter conversion
- Updated and made accessible utility base maps
- Improved compliance reporting and work order tracking

Through efforts of Woodard Curran:

- Received the "David W. York Re-use Award" (To Recognize Outstanding Reuse Projects in FL)
- Recipient of the "FL Pollution Control Operators Assn. Safety Award"
- New Chlorine Analyzer was installed at Water Treatment Plant

- 581 Water Plant was pressure washed

Technology Achievements Involved:

- Implemented purchase cards to increase efficiencies and streamline purchasing
- Online utility account access for credit card payments
- Working to integrate ability to make payments and manage accounts via cell phone
- Planning and developing new city web page and events portal
- Fully automated paperless agenda
- Prepared 24 council agendas, 9 ordinances, 31 resolutions, 14 proclamations, 5 workshop/budget sessions, and 1 executive session
- On-line surplus sales realized over \$37,000
- 2014 early voting/election oversight and City election

Events:

- First Haz-Mat Day disposal program
- Expanded marketing/promotional plan for year-long radio, social media, etc.
- Commenced research for Valerie Theatre policies, fees, protocols
- Yearlong calendar of events
- Enhanced Thunder Car show, Farmer's Market, St. Patrick's Day, Rock the Block, and Cooter Festival

Other Events:

- Flag Day
- CHS Cross Country Race
- Inverness Little League spring, summer and fall seasons

60+ major city events include: Inverness Farmers Market, Friday Night Thunder, Martin Luther King Jr. Day Walk, 10th Annual Car & Truck Show Presented by Nature Coast Corvair Club, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Music on the Square, Taste of Inverness, City CleanUp Day & Hazardous Waste Collection, Pine Avenue Jam, Rock the Block Concert, Flag Day Ceremony, Patriotic Evening, 9/11 Memorial & Freedom Walk, Cooter Culinary Crawl, Festival Queen Event, Cooter Idol Competitions, Cooter Fest Friday Night Block Party, Cooter Fest family weekend, Festival of the Arts, Fine Wine & Food reception, Veteran's Day Parade, Inverness Grand Prix and Motorsports Festival, and the Inverness Christmas Parade.

Looking to 2015:

- City Web site will be redesigned with greater functionality
- New City Event Web portal for a unified location for all city events
- Security cameras will be added to IGC perimeter and counters in Finance/DDS
- Finalize how to fund and deliver Fire Services
- Acquisition of Rosemont/Rolling Green Utility
- New Permit Fee schedule for Building and Permit Review
- New Code Enforcement ordinance

- Complete boardwalk lighting at Cooter Pond
- Host expanded Bass Tournament
- Finalize automated utility meter program
- Bid project development for Zephyr Street and Highlands Blvd.
- HCA to develop full service trauma center and heliport
- Open the Valerie Theatre

City Manager DiGiovanni closed stating businesses are opening and succeeding, people are excited, and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and an eventful New Year.

COUNCIL/MAYOR SUBJECTS

Mayor Plaisted judged Citrus High Science Fair and it was very interesting. Christmas Parade was exiting. Invited all to his house to annual Christmas Party.

Councilwoman Bega stated it is an extreme pleasure serving with this council and city staff and looks forward to another busy year with the city.

Councilman McBride updated on the Hernando/Citrus MPO meeting, noting everyone agrees that Hwy 41N is a priority. It is a \$124 million dollar issue and important to get it to our representative. Appreciation of city staff and presentation by City Manager.

Councilman Ryan along with Councilwoman Bega judged the Pleasant Grove Elementary Science show. Enjoyed Christmas parade and amazed how much staff does with so little. Wished all a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Council President Hinkle spoke of Pakistan, Hanukkah and to pray for military people throughout the world. Thanked for the opportunity to serve for another 4 years, and honored to represent the City on the new Community Charitable Foundation Board.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

Ann Perry spoke of a manger going up at Old Courthouse at 5pm and would like all to come. Wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

City Clerk

Council President

Interoffice Memorandum – *City of Inverness*

December 26, 2014

TO: Elected Officials
FROM: City Clerk
SUBJECT: Repurchase of Cemetery Lot 291, S ½ ,
Southwest Addition - Oakridge Cemetery
CC: City Manager and City Finance Director
Enclosure: Right to Burial

With reference to the following Cemetery Lot(s):

S ½ of Lot 291 - Southwest Addition

The rightful owner requests that City Council consider buying the lot for the original purchase price of \$200.00

All documents have been reviewed and I find them to be in order.

Recommended Action -

It is recommended that City Council motion and vote to purchase Cemetery S ½ of Lot 291, of the Southwest Addition, in the amount of \$200.00.

Upon approval of the above, all paperwork and notice to Funeral Homes will accordingly be accomplished.



Deborah Davis
City Clerk

Oak Ridge Cemetery
Gainesville, Florida

Deed To Cemetery Lot

Receipt Number 34874

For, and in consideration of the sum of Four Hundred Dollars in hand paid, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the City of Gainesville, Florida, by virtue of the title vested in it has sold and granted, and here by sells, grants and conveys to

Mrs. Wilma Soto

his/her heirs and assigns the burial rights in the following property in Oak Ridge Cemetery, to-wit:

Lot Number 291 Southwest Addition

as per the plat thereon file in the office of the City Clerk, City of Gainesville, Florida and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Citrus County, Florida. Said lot, right or easement is to be used for cemetery purposes only, that is for the sole purpose of asburial, subject to the Rules and Regulations of said City of Gainesville and the Laws of the State of Florida applicable thereto.

The City agrees to provide Endowed Perpetual Care. The nature and extent of the care to be furnished shall be the care and maintenance, necessitated by natural growth, which can be provided at reasonable intervals with income from the perpetual care fund. The City shall maintain designated portions of the premises until such time as income from the perpetual care fund is sufficient to provide such care.

On testimony whereof the said City of Gainesville, Florida has caused this instrument to be signed by its Council President and City Clerk, and its corporate seal to be affixed this 25th day of February 19 90

Attest:
City Clerk

City Of Gainesville, Florida
Oak Ridge Cemetery
Council President

Agenda Memorandum – *City of Inverness*

January 6, 2015

TO: Elected Officials
FROM: City Manager
SUBJECT: School Impact Fees- Resolution
CC: City Clerk & Finance Director
Enclosure: Letter by Janette Collins, CBOCC Planning Department
Letter by School Board Chair, Thomas Kennedy
Proposed City Resolution

With reference to the included letter by Ms. Jeanette Collins, Planning and Development Director for Citrus County, the BOCC has taken unilateral action to direct a rescission of all Impact Fees for a three-year period. Complexities to establish, collect and administer related fees are broader than one particular government interest, and shared community (county) wide. The City participates with the Citrus County School Board, City of Crystal River, and Board of County Commissioners in what is known as a cooperative agreement for such assessment and collection of school impact fees. Newly Elected Officials, by way of the recent election, have advanced the notion to review and potentially alter the assessment and collection of school impact fees.

The two cities are in a unique position of responsibility to assess and collect school impact fees, based on the cooperative agreement and founded within county ordinance. (This is where it gets complex.) Should the county choose to rescind or place a moratorium on the collection of these fees, the cities would be forced to incept and enact their own ordinance and substantiating study. This would be unnecessarily costly and less efficient than the current multi-jurisdictional cooperative effort.

Every community of measurable quality shares a common thread of well-planned; smart growth principled, school systems. Provisions of “quality” may be derived through development of a driven mechanism of impact fees. The belief and recent trend is to temporarily suspend Impact Fees as a catalyst to spur development. Whether real or perceived, this type of methodology should be accomplished with a plan to reinstate such fees over time.

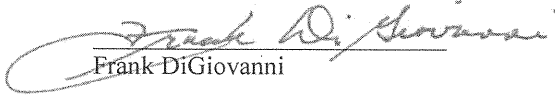
This approach (suspension of Impact Fees) would be planned for School Impact Fees with an effort to appropriately reinstate said School Impact Fees over a three year period, employing a percentile basis that is predicated on an assessment of economic variables and conditions, annually.

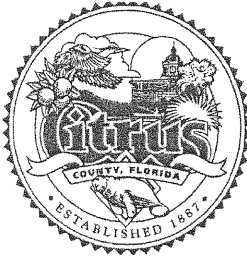
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Recommended Action –

1. Motion, second and vote to read the Resolution by title
2. Discuss the matter
3. If desirable to proceed: motion and second to adopt the Resolution by roll-call

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact me at your convenience.


Frank DiGiovanni



Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, FL 34461-8070

Toll Free (352) 489-2120 TTY (352) 527-5312

Web Address: www.bocc.citrus.fl.us

In reply, refer to: DS-14-020

Received
12-8-2014

December 5, 2014

Mr. Frank DiGiovanni, City Manager
City of Inverness
212 W. Main Street
Inverness FL 34450

RE: Impact Fees

Dear Mr. DiGiovanni:

On December 02, 2014, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners voted to direct staff to bring back an ordinance amendment to rescind the assessment of all impact fees in Citrus County for three years. Please be advised that this item has been scheduled to be heard by the BOCC on January 13, 2015, at 2:30 PM.

Separately, the BOCC has scheduled a Special Workshop to discuss the Impact Fee Study (to update the rate schedule for future assessment) on February 17, 2015, at 9:00 AM at the Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100 (Commission Chambers).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jenette Collins, AICP
Director
Department of Planning and Development

JBC/rls

cc: Jeff Rogers, P.E., Interim County Administrator
Kerry Parsons, County Attorney
Joanna Coutu, AICP, Director, Land Development Division

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DISTRICT 5

December 19, 2014

Frank Di Giovanni, Manager
City of Inverness
212 W. Main Street
Inverness, FL 34450

Dear Mr. Di Giovanni;

The Citrus County School Board has relied on revenue derived from Impact Fees for more than 15 years to help fund capital projects. The funding for capital projects has been reduced over this period from other sources. A complete moratorium would be detrimental if other funding is not available when enrollment increases and as the housing market continues to recover.

Impact Fees for schools are directly tied to residential construction and therefore it would be reasonable and practical to tie the collection of Impact Fees to Residential Permitting Activity.

In light of the County's direction to place a 3 year moratorium on Impact fees including school Impact fees; I would propose a better alternate to a moratorium may be a staggered incremental Impact fee schedule, perhaps one that starts low and grows over three years. This would help to ensure that the historical funding source is not completely eliminated and we can all re-evaluate it when the next Impact Fee study is done in 3 years.

The details can be discussed but I would appreciate your consideration and support of this proposal as a practical alternative concerning the collections of school Impact Fees within your city.

This is my opinion as an individual School Board member since the School Board has not had the opportunity to discuss this matter in detail as of the writing of this letter, following the Citrus County Board of County Commission Chairman's denial for a joint meeting with the CCSB and the BOCC to discuss School Impact Fees. I have been authorized to address the Impact Fee issue with County Government in accordance with the School Board's historical position on the collection of these fees.

Sincerely,

Thomas Kennedy
Chairman

xc: Linda B. Powers, Vice-Chairman
Sandra Balfour
Virginia Bryant
Douglas A. Dodd
Sandra "Sam" Himmel, Superintendent

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RESOLUTION 2015-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS,
SUPPORTING THE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
APPROACH TO THE COLLECTION OF SCHOOL IMPACT FEES**

WHEREAS, the City of Inverness supports the smart growth for the future of the Citrus County School Board through appropriate planning techniques and funding mechanisms; and

WHEREAS, the City of Inverness desires to continue the Multi-Jurisdictional cooperative effort to provide such for the future of the Citrus County School Board through the support of School Impact Fees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Inverness entered into an Interlocal Agreement with the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners, Citrus County School Board, and the City of Crystal River in the assessment and collection of School Impact Fees; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the need to gauge economic variables and conditions in the assessment of School Impact Fees; and

WHEREAS, the City supports a planned approach to a temporary suspension of School Impact Fees with an effort to appropriately reinstate School Impact Fees over a three year period on a percentile basis predicated on the assessment of economic variables and conditions annually;

**NOW THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
INVERNESS, FLORIDA, THE FOLLOWING:**

The City supports the desired approach of the cooperating governing bodies to effectuate the assessment and collection of School Impact Fees, by a temporary suspension of School Impact Fees, and to appropriately reinstate School Impact Fees over a three year period, on a percentile basis, predicated on an evaluation of annual economic variables and conditions in a manner to bolster smart growth principles.

This resolution shall be effective on the 6th day of January, 2015.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2015.

CITY OF INVERNESS

By: _____
Ken Hinkle
Council President

ATTEST:

Deborah Davis
City Clerk

Agenda Memorandum – *City of Inverness*

January 6, 2015

TO: Elected Officials
FROM: City Manager (Prepared by Eric Williams)
SUBJECT: Inverness Big Bass Classic – Fee Resolution
CC: City Clerk & Finance Director
Enclosure: Event Fee Resolution

“Early to bed early to rise, fish like heck and make up lies”

The city’s dynamic Event and Visitors Bureau (EVB) is taking the next step in the utilization of the waterfront park system for the Inverness Big Bass Classic. This March 21, 2015, tournament will feature a big bass format with hourly prizes and activities at Liberty Park all day.

As Council is aware, fees for a city event must be adopted by resolution. This evening action will ratify the \$85 per fisherman fee for the conduct of the tournament. This fee registers a fisherman (max 2 per boat) for the opportunity to win prize money for the biggest fish each hour of the tournament over the course of 6 hours, biggest fish of the day, and the biggest bag of five fish caught for the day.

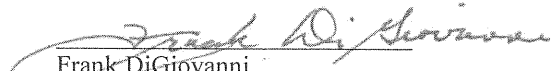
The EVB is working in conjunction with corporate support from Yamaha and Skeeter Boats to bring a professional grade tournament to the city. The inaugural tournament will be the foundation for a growing sector of tourism and economy for the community at large.

Recommended Action –

It is recommended that Council:

1. Motion, second and vote to read the Resolution by title
2. Discuss the matter
3. Motion and second to adopt the Resolution by roll-call and authorize the council president to execute the document

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact me at your convenience.


Frank DiGiovanni

RESOLUTION 2015-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING A
FISHING TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FEE AND PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Inverness recognizes that tourism is essential to economic development, and a variety of events draw visitors to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City has funded the Inverness Event & Visitors Bureau to create a distinctive and robust calendar of events that grows in diversity; and

WHEREAS, the City welcomes the addition of the Inverness Big Bass Classic fishing tournament to the events calendar; and

WHEREAS, the tournament is intended to attract out-of-town anglers to participate in this competition; and

WHEREAS, the Inverness City Council finds it necessary and desirable to adopt a registration fee for the tournament to offset event costs:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Inverness, Citrus County, Florida, that:

1. A fishing tournament registration fee is hereby established in the amount of \$85.00/per registrant (non-inclusive of sales tax).
2. The Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.
3. this 6th day of January, 2015.

PASSED AND ADOPTED

CITY OF INVERNESS

Ken Hinkle
Council President

ATTEST:

Deborah Davis
City Clerk

Interoffice Memorandum – *City of Inverness*

January 2, 2015

TO: Elected Officials
FROM: City Manager
SUBJECT: CITRUS COUNTY DELEGATION
CC: City Clerk & Department Directors
Enclosure: Letter by Senator Charles Dean

The Local State Delegation for Citrus County includes: Senator Charles Dean, and Representative Jimmy T. Smith. On an annual basis, a meeting is called by Delegation Members for residents and City/County Government Officials to present concerns. The City We typically do so before and after the meeting, and on a continuing basis. However, the following list is submitted for Council's consideration and comment to determine what represents the best interests of the City of Inverness.

1. Protect Assistance Funding

- ✓ US 41N
- ✓ Low Density Community Fire Service Qualifications
- ✓ State Support of Alterations to the Management Plan for Whispering Pines Park
- ✓ Inter-Model Bicycle Plan Funding
- ✓ RCW Extension Funding

2. Address to Reduce or Eliminate Unfunded Mandates & Fund Items Previously Passed

3. Maintain the Integrity of State Revenue Sharing and all pass through Revenues

4. Oppose to any Erosion or Interference of Home Rule

- a. One Size Does Not Fit All

5. Lake Clean-Up & Related Improvements

- a. Incentives and Assistance to maintain and protect lakes and waterways

Recommended Action –

Discuss the above listed issues; add or delete what you wish and then motion and vote to authorize that the items represent legitimate concerns that are to be presented the Citrus County Local Delegation.


Frank DiGiovanni



THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

SENATOR CHARLES S. DEAN, SR.
5th District

December 4, 2014

The Honorable Bob Plaisted
Mayor, City of Inverness
212 W. Main Street
Inverness, FL 34450

Mayor Plaisted,

I wanted to take a moment to personally invite you to attend the Citrus County Delegation Meeting. The Delegation Meeting will be held at the Citrus County Courthouse on Wednesday, January 14 at 3 PM. As you know, Delegation Meetings are an important opportunity to hear from our constituents and elected officials in each county and I encourage you to attend this important meeting. Time has been reserved for you on the agenda.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to seeing you on January 14. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of service to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles S. Dean".

Charles S. Dean, Sr.
Florida State Senator, District 5

REPLY TO:

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- ☐ 311 Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100 (850) 487-5005
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**FOR COUNCIL
INFORMATION**

December 10, 2014

Frank DiGiovanni, City Manager
City of Inverness
212 West Main Street
Inverness, Florida 34450

Re: Truth in Millage (TRIM) Certification

Dear Mr. DiGiovanni:

The Department of Revenue has reviewed the revised and re-advertised millage certification documents your taxing authority submitted and has determined that they meet the certification requirements of subsections 200.065(1)-(4), (6)-(12), (14), and (15), Florida Statutes, and section 200.068, Florida Statutes. From that certification, the department has found no violation of, and accepts your certification as meeting, the requirements of the listed subsections of section 200.065, Florida Statutes.

This determination applies only to the TRIM certification requirements in the listed subsections of section 200.065, Florida Statutes. We will send a determination regarding the maximum millage levy requirements of section 200.065(5), Florida Statutes, in a separate notice.

By copy of this notice, we are notifying the Refunds and Distribution Process of the General Tax Administration Program to disburse the revenue sharing funds under the normal disbursement process beginning with the next disbursement after this date.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard Moyes", written over a horizontal line.

Howard Moyes, Interim Director
Property Tax Oversight Program

HM/mrb #19.06

Child Support Enforcement – Ann Coffin, Director • General Tax Administration – Maria Johnson, Director
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